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Wheeling Man Indicted on Firearms Violations

WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA — A 44 year old Wheeling, West Virginia, resident was named in an Indictment returned on February 5, 2008, by a Federal Grand Jury sitting in Wheeling, West Virginia.

United States Attorney Sharon L. Potter announced that KENNETH NEWMAN was named in a two-count Indictment. The Indictment alleges that NEWMAN, having been previously convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, knowingly possessed firearms in and affecting commerce on January 28, 2008, and in October 2007, in Wheeling, Marshall County, West Virginia.

The Indictment also includes a forfeiture allegation wherein the United States seeks to forfeit any firearm and any ammunition involved in the commission of the offense alleged in the Indictment.

If convicted, NEWMAN faces a maximum exposure of 10 years imprisonment and a fine of \$250,000 on each count of the Indictment.

The case will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David J. Perri. The case was investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms & Explosives.

It should be noted that the charges contained in the Indictment are merely accusations and not evidence of guilt, and that each defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.